

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please add the following terms on page 1, before the sentence that begins "The present invention..." on line 4:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

2.) Please add the following terms on page 1, before the sentence that begins "Anionic polysaccharides...." on line 8:

2. Background of the Invention

3.) Please add the following terms on page 2, line 3, and after the terms "stabilizing agent is aqueous ammonium chloride." on line 2:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

4.) Please add the following terms on page 2, before the sentence that begins "The term "complex" refers..." on line 8:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows antimicrobial effect against *Staphylococcus Aureus*, plotted as zone of inhibition in mm at 2 days, for a first range of wound dressing material materials;

Figure 2 shows antimicrobial effect against *Staphylococcus Aureus*, plotted as zone of inhibition in mm at 24 and 48 hours, for a second range of wound dressing material materials;

Figure 3 shows antimicrobial effect against *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*, plotted as zone of inhibition in mm at 24 and 48 hours, for the second range of wound dressing material materials;

Figure 4 shows the effect on cell proliferation of extracts from a third range of wound dressing material materials;

Figure 5 shows antimicrobial effect against *Staphylococcus Aureus*, plotted as zone of inhibition in mm at 2 days, for a fourth range of wound dressing material materials;

Figure 6 shows the effect on cell proliferation of extracts from a fifth range of wound dressing material materials; and

Figure 7 shows a graph of TNF- α concentration against time for the following wound dressing materials incubated with lipopolysaccharides and monocyte macrophages: (A) a wound dressing material according to the invention, (B) 0.01M Silver acetate solution, (C) a freeze-dried collagen/ORC dressing without silver, and (D) a conventional wound dressing gauze.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5.) Please delete the sentences on page 13, line 12 through page 14, line 2:

6.) Please add the following term on page 14, line 3:

EXAMPLES

7.) Please add the following terms on page 25, line 2 after "CLAIMS":

The invention claimed is: